

(4) the role the President proposes for the Kosovo Liberation Army in connection with such combat, and what assistance, if any, the President proposes to extend to that organization;

(5) in general terms what the President believes the obligations of the United States will be in connection with the recovery and reconstruction of those nations in the Balkans affected by the combat once the combat has ceased;

(6) the anticipated duration and cost of the deployment;

(7) in general terms the number of personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States estimated to be required in and around the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) after the termination of armed conflict and the mission of those personnel; and

(8) in general terms the roles and responsibilities of the NATO allies in the conduct of offensive ground operations, recovery and reconstruction efforts, and military missions after the termination of armed conflict.

(c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to any action to protect the security of personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States, or personnel of the armed forces of any other member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), that are involved in military air operations in or adjacent to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, April 29, 1999, the federal debt stood at \$5,597,263,457,235.83 (Five trillion, five hundred ninety-seven billion, two hundred sixty-three million, four hundred fifty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars and eighty-three cents).

One year ago, April 29, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,512,959,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred twelve billion, nine hundred fifty-nine million).

Five years ago, April 29, 1994, the federal debt stood at \$4,568,704,000,000 (Four trillion, five hundred sixty-eight billion, seven hundred four million).

Twenty-five years ago, April 29, 1974, the federal debt stood at \$471,613,000,000 (Four hundred seventy-one billion, six hundred thirteen million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,125,650,457,235.83 (Five trillion, one hundred twenty-five billion, six hundred fifty million, four hundred fifty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars and eighty-three cents) during the past 25 years.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2778. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Policy Development, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Market Risk" (Docket No. R-0996), received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2779. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Consumer and

Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z, Truth in Lending" (R-1029), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2780. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation M, Consumer Lending" (R-1029), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2781. A communication from the Office of General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations, 64 FR 17571, 04/12/99", received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2782. A communication from the Office of General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations, 64 FR 17569, 04/12/99" (FEMA-7280), received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2783. A communication from the Office of General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations, 64 FR 17567, 04/12/99", received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2784. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 (FR-4094)" (RIN2529-AA80), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2785. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Iranian Transactions Regulations (31 CFR Part 560): Implementation of Executive Order 13059" (31 CFR Part 560), received April 20, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2786. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary-Office of Lead Hazard Control, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures-Information Collection Approval Numbers; Technical Amendment" (FR-4444-F-02), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2787. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exports of Firearms" (RIN0694-AB68), received April 7, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2788. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Builder Warranty for High-Ratio FHA Insured Single Family Mortgages for New Homes (FR-4288)" (RIN2502-AH08), re-

ceived April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2789. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Public Housing and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Programs Conforming Rule; Technical Amendment (4054)" (RIN2577-AB63), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2790. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Public Housing and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Programs Conforming Rule; Technical Amendment (FR-4054)" (RIN2577-AB63), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2791. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FHA Single Family Mortgage Insurance; Statutory Changes for Maximum Mortgage Limit and Downpayment Requirement (FR-4431)" (RIN2502-AH31), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without recommendation without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution concerning the deployment of the United States Armed Forces to the Kosovo region in Yugoslavia.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Kenneth M. Bresnahan, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, vice Edmundo A. Gonzales, resigned.

Arthur J. Naparstek, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2003. (Reappointment)

Ruth Y. Tamura, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001. (Reappointment)

Chang-Lin Tien, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 20, 2004, vice Richard Neil Zare, term expired.

Joseph Bordogna, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, vice Anne C. Petersen, resigned.

Gary L. Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2001, vice Daniel Guttman.

Lorraine Pratte Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education, vice Thomas R. Bloom.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any